

National Grid ESO Two Stage Connection Offers Briefing Note - Changes from 1 December 2022

To deal with a backlog of connection applications [NG ESO](#) is implementing temporary changes to the application process. More information found [here](#).

This will see an initial light offer issued within the licenced timescales of 3 months which will:

- Secure TEC and position in queue (upon signing).
- Outline connection date and location.
- Not outline enabling works or costs.
- Not incur any liabilities.
- The full application fee will be charged (but partially refunded if final offer is later cancelled)

A full offer will then follow. This will:

- Be issued up to 12 months from signing the light offer.
- Confirm the connection point.
- Offer best connection date available – potentially earlier than light offer.
- Include the full scope of enabling works.
- Include connection costs.
- Liabilities will be due upon signature

This will be rolled out in stages across GB.

- England and Wales (NGET) from 01/12/2022.
- North of Scotland (SSEN-T) from early 2023.
- South of Scotland (SPT) after SSEN-T.

In parallel NG ESO is looking to speed up connections by:

- Offering a [TEC Amnesty](#).
- Reviewing treatment of BESS. This may allow for BESS to connect ahead of enabling works subject to onerous inter-trip conditions

What will this mean for developers?

- Uncertainty over connection date, works and costs for over 12 months.
- Low value at risk to secure light offer.
- Potential for BESS projects to be connected earlier.
- Potential for applications to be submitted speculatively.